

Just under 10% of the Maiden population in 1950 was Negro. (Census data lists 198 Negroes and 3 "other" races; a total of 201 non-white persons of the population of 2,039.) This compares with a Negro population in 1960 of 9.2% in Catawba County, and 24.5% in North Carolina. Newton Township, which includes the towns of Maiden, Newton, part of Conover, and most of the central area of Catawba County, listed 10.4% of its population as Negro. (Unlike some parts of the State, Catawba County did not experience a large migration of Negroes away from the area. Its non-white population in 1940 was about 10%, and just over 9% in 1950.) Job opportunities in the Maiden and Catawba County area have apparently enabled them to retain their Negro population in recent decades and, as will be noted in the economic section, the available employment should encourage this pattern in the future.

TABLE 3 MAIDEN POPULATION BY AGE AND SEX, 1950 and 1960

	Total		Under 5 Yrs.		5-14		15-24		25-34	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1950	929	1,023	106	125	175	181	174	196	171	161
1960	990	1,049	105	109	211	211	141	145	143	141
Per Cent Change	6.6	2.5	.0	-10.3	20.5	16.6	-19.0	-26.0	-16.2	-12.4

	35-44		45-54		55-64		65+	
1950	109	140	87	97	65	52	42	71
1960	131	148	121	128	73	80	64	87
Per Cent Change	20.0	5.7	30.9	32.0	12.3	54.0	52.4	22.5

Total Population:	
1950	1,952
1960	2,039
Per Cent Change	4.5
Median Age 1950:	24.6 Years
Median Age 1960:	28.5 Years
Source:	U.S. Bureau of Census